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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference RLL-283WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/IB 02/05591	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 23.12.2002	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 23.12.2002
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07D405/12		
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 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/IB 02/05591**I. Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-16 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-18 as originally filed

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-18
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-4,11-18
	No: Claims	5-10

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

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2. **Novelty**

The compounds of the present application show an azabicyclo ring which is not present in the compounds disclosed in the above cited documents of the prior art. Novelty can therefore be acknowledged.

3. **Inventive step**

The problem underlying the present application appears to reside in the provision of flavaxate derivatives useful in the treatment of muscarinic receptor mediated diseases.

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4. Other observations:

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